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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**

SIR:

Responsive to the DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR  
1.47(a), dated June 18, 2004 received in the reissue patent application identified  
above, Applicants submit additional information and request determination of

compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.175 and MPEP §1414 regarding an adequate reissue declaration signed by all of the inventors. This request for reconsideration is based upon the following additional facts and documents in response to items (1), (2) and (5) designated in the DECISION.

- Item (1):
- a) On-line searches conducted on June 30, 2004 of databases containing names of individuals throughout the State of California uncovered an address and phone number for the unique name (within California) of Geoff Orth.
  - b) Telephone contact to the individual thus identified on June 30, 2004 requested confirmation of the individual's status as one of the joint inventors named on U.S. Patent 5,984,937.
  - c) Upon affirmation by the individual of his status as that Geoff Orth named as a joint inventor on the referenced patent, a package of documents including a copy of the reissue application and Reissue Declaration by the Inventors was forwarded to the listed address of Mr. Geoff Orth.
  - d) Mr. Orth executed the Reissue Declaration on July 14, 2004 and returned the same for filing herewith.

Item (2): An acceptable declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116 comprises the declaration executed by Mr. Geoff Orth and submitted herewith, and the declarations executed by all of the remaining named joint inventors previously filed in the subject application.

Additionally, a new declaration designating the correct, current address of Mr. Frazier is enclosed herewith.

Item 5:

The last known address of Mr. Geoff Orth at which he was contacted by telephone and mail is:

5800 Lone Pine Road  
Sebastopol, CA 95472-5611  
(Tele: 707-829-1113)

The surcharge charged to Deposit Account 19-2555 for late filing of the declaration is noted.

Reconsideration and designation of full compliance with the requirement in this reissue application for an executed declaration by all of the named joint inventors are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosure: Declaration of Geoff Orth  
Declaration of Andrew Frazier